Supply of Anti-TB drugs by public sector

199. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of small scale manufacturers whose payments for supply of anti-TB drugs have not been made by more than two years by public sector drug companies, including UPDPL;

(b) if so, how Government purpose to settle the payments so that production of anti-TB medicines under the National Health Programme is not derailed; and

(c) whether Government have taken a decision that at least 10% of Government purchase of medicines would be made from public sector companies; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) For sputum negative cases, cash grants are given to the States for procurement of anti-TB drugs. Drugs required for sputum positive cases are procured through ICB as per World Bank guidelines and payment is released through Pay and Accounts Office (DGHS). It has been reported by the Pay and Accounts Officer (DGHS) that no payment is pending in respect of anti-TB drugs supplied more than two years ago.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For sputum negative cases, cash grants are given to the States for procurement of anti-TB drugs. Drugs required for sputum positive cases are procured through ICB as per World Bank guidelines in which Public Sector companies can also participate.